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Applicant has received a final Office Action dated May 3, 2005. However, page 15 of the Office Action is missing.

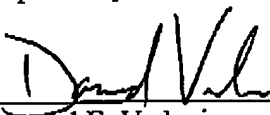
Applicant's representative attempted to obtain the missing page from the Image File Wrapper, but discovered that the version of the Office Action included in the Image File Wrapper also omits page 15, but includes a duplicate of page 14.

This defect was brought to the attention of the Patent Office within one month of the mail date of the Office Action. A Request for Corrected Office Action was filed on June 3, 2005. A copy of this Request is attached as Exhibit A. A copy of a return receipt confirmation acknowledging receipt of the Request in the Patent Office is attached as Exhibit B.

Thus, in accordance with MPEP § 710.06, Applicant hereby requests issuance of a new Office Action and that the period for reply be reset to commence with the mailing date of the new action.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Exhibit A

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COPYPATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YASUO FUKUDA) Examiner: C. Larose
Application No.: 09/977,318) Group Art Unit: 2623
Filed: October 16, 2001)
For IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,)
APPARATUS THEREFOR AND)
STORING MEDIUM) June 3, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR A NEW OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants request that a new Office Action be issued in this case and that the period for reply thereto be reset to the mailing date of the new Office Action.

In this regard, Applicants have received an Office Action dated May 18, 2005 in the above-identified application, but page 15 thereof is missing.


I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

June 3, 2005

(Date of Transmission)

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Signature

June 3, 2005

Date of Signature

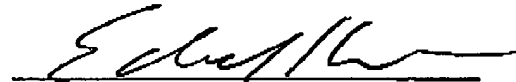
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Thus, Applicants request issuance of a new Office Action and that the period for reply thereto be reset to commence with the mailing date of the new action.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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